



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
YUTAKA KOBAYASHI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: SHOSHO, C.E.
SERIAL NO.: 09/701,376 :
FILED: NOVEMBER 30, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1714
FOR: PROPYLENE-ETHYLENE BLOCK :
COPOLYMER COMPOSITION FOR
AUTOMOBILE EXTERIOR PARTS

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

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SIR:

Now comes Yutaka KOBAYASHI who deposes and states:

1. That I am a graduate of Gunma University and received a Master degree in the year 1985.
2. That I have been employed by Idemitsu Petrochemical Co., Ltd., for 18 years as a researcher in the field of polymer chemistry.
3. That I am familiar with the subject matter disclosed in the above-identified application and the examination history thereof.
4. That I have reviewed the Office Actions mailed January 18, 2002, September 9, 2002 and July 3, 2003.
5. That, to directly compare the Izod impact strength, I have repeated the procedures described in Examples 1-5 of the specification of the above-identified application and measured the Izod impact strength on the injection-molded pieces at -20°C according to ASTM D256. The results are shown in the following table together with the results shown in EP 0 699 711 A1 and Watanabe et al. (United States Patent No. 5,684,099) which are cited by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed July 3, 2003.